Post-Event Summary Report

Name of Event: Jackson's Mill Senior Conference
Date of Event: May 11 – 13, 2005
Location of Event: Jackson's Mill (Weston), West Virginia
Number of Persons Attending: 309 Senior Citizens representing 46 of West Virginia's
55 counties
Sponsoring Organization: West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services
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Priority Issue #1:   How and Why Should Social Security Be Reformed?

The highlight of the conference was the debate of the above referenced question. Mr.
John R (Ridge) Multop represented the AARP. Dr Daniel Shapiro is an Associate Professor of Philosophy and Public Policy at West Virginia University. The debate was moderated by Hoppy Kercheval, the Vice-President of Operations of Metronews, and the
Radio "dean" of West Virginia broadcasting.

Barriers: The development of political consensus.

Proposed Solutions: Increase retirement age, increase payroll tax, and privatization.

A video tape of the debate will be provided to the White House Conference on Aging
as an addendum to this post-event summary report.

Priority Issue #2: What If I can't Pay for a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Coming in
2006?

There was extensive discussion at the conference of who would qualify for Medicare
prescription drug help in 2006.

Barriers: Complexity of plan and lack of public awareness.

Proposed Solutions: Counselors at county senior centers, PR campaigns, and

Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) and

Social Security Administration involvement in public education.